

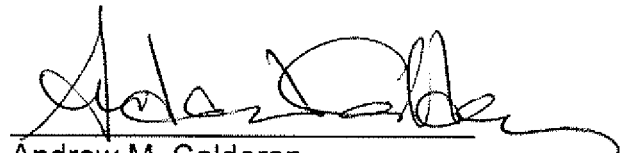
REMARKS

In the Election of Species Requirement dated July 13, 2006, the Examiner required election to one of the following species: Species I (i.e., photoresist trimming process) and Species II (i.e., forming of image mask). The Examiner further asserted that no claims are generic.

Applicants hereby elect Species I without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 2-13, 19, and 20 read on Species I. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of claims 2-13, 19, and 20.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', is written over a horizontal line.

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